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State disciplines health care providers

OLYMPIA — The Washington State Department of Health has taken disciplinary actions or withdrawn charges against health care providers in our state.

The department's Health Systems Quality Assurance Division works with boards, commissions, and advisory committees to set licensing standards for more than 70 health care professions (e.g., medical doctors, nurses, counselors).

Information about health care providers is on the agency website. Click on "Provider Credential Search" on the left hand side of the [Department of Health home page](http://www.doh.wa.gov) (www.doh.wa.gov). The site includes information about a health care provider's license status, the expiration and renewal date of their credential, disciplinary actions and copies of legal documents issued after July 1998. This information is also available by calling 360-236-4700. Consumers who think a health care provider acted unprofessionally are also encouraged to call and report their complaint.

Asotin County

In December 2011 the Unlicensed Practice Program issued a notice of intent to issue cease and desist order to **Dezirae Houser**. She allegedly provided laser hair removal treatments to clients without a license to provide the treatment.

Benton County

In December 2011 the Health Care Assistant Program ended the probation order against **Patricia G. Mendez** (HC00155215).

Chelan County

In December 2011 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program ended the probation order against chemical dependency professional trainee **Mindy L. Heinz** (CO60108523).

Douglas County

In December 2011 the Health Care Assistant Program placed the license of **Jennifer Dawn Paiva** (HC00142564) on probation. She used a physician's signature stamp to write a prescription for massages for herself, and used her employment status to access and modify her own health care data. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her license.

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Garfield County

In December 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program ended the probation order against registered and certified nursing assistant **Philip A. Northamer** (NA60125638, NC60133100).

Grant County

In December 2011 the Medical Commission amended the statement of charges against physician **Mohammad H. Said** (MD00018311). He allegedly provided substandard care to patients with chronic pain, and failed to comply with prior conditions set against his license.

King County

In December 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **Devon L. Duff** (NC10059114), also known as Devon L. Burlingame, with unprofessional conduct. She was convicted of assault.

In December 2011 the Board of Pharmacy charged pharmacist **Craig M. Goodmanson** (PH00013643) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly failed to ensure proper supervision of the ancillary pharmacy personnel when he was a pharmacy manager.

In December 2011 the Medical Commission charged physician **William H. Levy** (MD00021325) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly provided substandard care when evaluating, diagnosing and treating a patient, putting the patient at unreasonable risk for harm.

In December 2011 the Board of Pharmacy charged pharmacy technician **Eugene B. Povzner** (VA00050624) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly allowed the pharmacy staff, where he oversaw the scheduling, to work beyond the required one pharmacist to three technicians ratio. He also allowed a pharmacist who was on probation with the board to work without supervision, and worked beyond the scope of a pharmacy technician.

Okanogan County

In December 2011 the Board of Pharmacy charged pharmacy technician **Kelly Anderson** (VA00066204) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly diverted oxycodone from her place of employment.

In December 2011 the Board of Hearing and Speech charged audiologist **Douglas E. Moomaw** (LD00001173) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly failed to comply with terms and conditions set against his license.

Pierce County

In December 2011 the Veterinary Board of Governors granted the application of veterinary technician **Chiara Olga Colella** (AT60219680) and placed her license on probation for two years. She was convicted of driving under the influence on two occasions, possession of a

controlled substance — marijuana on two occasions, possession of marijuana 40 grams or less, and possession of cultivated marijuana. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her license.

In December 2011 the Nursing Commission charged licensed practical nurse **Tina M. Ponton** (LP00054570) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly withdrew controlled substances, and failed to administer, waste, or document administration, and wastage. She was charged with driving under the influence.

In December 2011 the Medical Commission ended the probation order against physician **Catherine A. Richardson** (MD00025799). Dr. Richardson's license is unrestricted.

Skagit County

In December 2011 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **Laura C. Edwards** (RN00134145) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly withdrew medication, documented wastage but didn't document administration to a patient, and took the medication for personal use.

Snohomish County

In December 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program ended the probation order against registered nursing assistant **Julie Ann Davis** (NA60123726).

In December 2011 the Nursing Assistant and Health Care Assistant Programs charged registered nursing assistant and health care assistant **Lacey R. Standley** (NA60079452, HC60111183) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly submitted a prescription under a physician's name for a family member without the physician's knowledge or authorization. She also entered into a diversion program for the charge of obtaining a controlled substance by fraud or forged prescription.

Spokane County

In December 2011 the Nursing Assistant, X-Ray Technician, and Health Care Assistant Programs charged **Abbey C. Aune** (NC10098509, XT6022138, HC60088462, HC60024035) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly obtained prescriptions using the name of her provider and colleague without knowledge or consent of the provider.

In November 2011 the Board of Pharmacy ended the probation order against pharmacy **Northwest Health Systems** (CF00058494).

Whatcom County

In December 2011 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program ended the probation order against chemical dependency professional trainee **Kevin P. Maier** (CO60138358).

In December 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program charged registered nursing assistant **Jacob Elijah Talamante** (NA60098163) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly entered into a business transaction with patients, used a utility trailer of the patients without their permission, and used the patients' debit card without their authorization.

Out of State

Oregon: In December 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **Jamie L. Armstrong** (NC10057618) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly failed to comply with terms and conditions set against her certification.

Oregon: In December 2011 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **Cindy Susan Zapf** (RN00114615) with unprofessional conduct. Her license to practice as a registered nurse in Oregon was placed on probation for two years. She was arrested for and convicted of shoplifting.

Tennessee: In December 2011 the Nursing Commission charged licensed practical nurse **David L. Kinnaman** (LP00053326) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly sexually assaulted family members and patients.

Note to Editors: Health care providers charged with unprofessional conduct have 20 days to respond to the Department of Health in writing. The case then enters the settlement process. If no disciplinary agreement can be reached, the case will go to a hearing.

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